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1. Between 2 and 11 January 1948, the following transports moved eastward through Kustrin-Kietz, bound for Insterburg:

| Date | No. of Cars | Description of Transports |
|------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 2 January | 111 | Grain |
| | 60 | Scrap iron |
| 3 January | 110 | Sugar |
| | 118 | Scrap iron |
| 4 January | 40 | Artillery munitions, old |
| | 113 | Barracks parts |
| 5 January | 125 | Grain |
| 6 January | 51 | Officers and dependents |
| 7 January | 107 | Grain |
| | 112 | Scrap iron |
| 8 January | 25 | Officers and dependents |
| | 54 | Barracks parts |
| | 57 | Scrap iron |
| 9 January | 122 | Scrap iron |
| 10 January | 24 | Officers and dependents |
| | 118 | Scrap iron |
| 11 January | 114 | Scrap iron |

2. During the same period, i.e. between 2 and 11 January 1948, 30 empty freight trains and 2 passenger trains for officers and dependents returned from Russia.

3. Between 17 December 1947 and 5 January 1948, the following transports passed through Zossen to the border point Frankfurt/Oder:

| Date | No. of Cars | Description of Transports |
|-------------|-------------|--|
| 17 December | 21 | Timber for bridges and construction work |
| 18 December | 22 | Chassis for narrow-gauge RR cars |
| 19 December | 14 | Parts for wooden houses, new |
| 30 December | 22 | Cranes, Diesel tractors, and motorized |
| 1948 | | trolleys |
| 1 January | 12 | Parts of RR |

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| Date | No. of Cars | Description of Transports |
|-----------|-------------|---|
| 2 January | 26 | Tracks, ties, signal equipment, and hand-cars |
| 4 January | 15 | Grain, fodder, etc. |

No supplementary cars were dispatched between 28 December 1947 and 5 January 1948 for the shipment of dismantled machines and equipment.

4. Between 15 December 1947 and 4 January 1948, the following transports passed through Elsterwerda to the border points indicated below.

| Date | No. of Cars | Description of Transports | Destination |
|---|-------------|---|----------------|
| 18 December | 14 | Basic chemicals for medicine | Frankfurt/Oder |
| | 18 | Trucks with cross-country mobility | Forst |
| 20 December | 24 | Machines for making china-ware (from Meissen plant) | Forst |
| 21 December | 28 | Dismantled machines | Forst |
| | 20 | Lathes, presses, etc., new | Forst |
| 23 December | 26 | Dismantled machines and hoisting devices | Forst |
| (No observations made between 27 and 29 December) | | | |
| 31 December | 10 | Large transformers for power-station | Frankfurt/Oder |
| 1948 | | | |
| 3 January | 18 | Requisitioned machines (crated) | Forst |
| 4 January | 18 | Textiles | Forst |
| | 28 | Heavy machines, dismantled | Forst |

Because of a shortage of labor, only an insignificant part of the material stored in collection centers could be loaded on railroad cars. This means that the stations Leipzig, Dresden, Chemnitz, and Halle are so congested that there was a question of cancelling all passenger trains for a few days.

5. [REDACTED] the eastbound railroad traffic (not including military transports) for the month of December 1947 through Frankfurt/Oder as follows:

| Carloads | Carloads |
|------------------------------|--|
| 162 of wood | 19 of gasoline |
| 53 printed matter, munitions | 128 munitions |
| 52 roofing tiles | 218 printed matter |
| 31 narrow-gauge locomotives | 372 barracks |
| 122 cement | 841 wooden houses |
| 107 furniture and machines | 463 railroad cars |
| 46 glass, textiles, machines | 446 automobiles |
| 41 chloride of lime | 853 sugar |
| 72 machines, bicycles | 1263 railroad ties |
| 41 carbon black, metal beds | 1493 reparations equipment |
| 55 motors, printed matter | 1473 industrial plant, equipment, dismantled |
| 118 scrap iron | 2876 potash |

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[REDACTED] comment: The discrepancies between the number of cars listed above and the numbers given in the regular consecutive railroad reports are thought to be due to the fact that [REDACTED]

tions. As to the contents of cars, the documents of the Reichsbahn-direktion contain the listings given them by the appropriate Russian authorities, which, in some cases, might be inaccurate and explain the discrepancies in listings.